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AND THE WINNER IS.....

It is official. After comments were received via the governor's website, the winner was announced by Governor Palin on April 23 in Anchorage. The Alaska State Quarter will feature a grizzly bear and salmon.

All of the designs you see are the results of the commission modifying the original artwork submitted to us by the Mint's artists. Ironically, the grizzly design required more changes by the commission than any other design. While we did modify each design, I think the grizzly was the only one that was returned more than twice to arrive at the final design.



Personally, I am disappointed. I had my hopes set for the polar bear. I could just see a frosty white polar bear on a mirror background (on the silver proofs). Of all four designs, the grizzly was my least favorite.

The selection of the grizzly was not a total surprise. Television Channel 2 in Fairbanks (broadcast from Anchorage and also aired in Juneau) did a poll of their viewers which came out with the same results. I believe the polar bear finished a distant 3rd in this poll.

The final step in the selection process is for the Secretary of the Treasury to approve the design. I don't know that any of the previous state's designs have been rejected, so it pretty much looks like this is the one.

Alaska's quarter will be the 49th struck, probably in July or August of 2008. Commissioners are usually invited to the first strike ceremony, so I hope it is in Denver. That way I can drop in on the American Numismatic Association headquarters in Colorado Springs, something that I have wanted to do for some time.



EDITOR'S COMMENTS

As you can see from the insert with this issue, there is a new museum in town. Candy Waugaman, who pretends to sell real estate under the banner of Chena Realty, has refurbished the First Ave. Bath House, also known as the Rebecca Lodge. She has stocked it with hundreds, if not thousands of items from her extensive personal collection of ephemera and memorabilia.

It is on the downtown walking tour. Tourists and locals alike will be able to spend 2 minutes or two hours examining "junque" from Fairbanks' and Alaska's past. When Candy says junque, that is just what she means. Many items should have ended up in the garbage, but it is to our benefit that they did not. Some of the advertising memorabilia is the only evidence that a business ever existed. I am sure that many of the bottles were in garbage dumps in the area, and were recovered by diligent bottle hounds. Other items spent year in that dresser drawer that is the repository of such items in many families. You just can't bear to throw it out, but you don't know what to do with it.

So, bottles and cans, matchbooks and moosehides, they are all on display. The museum will open May 1. There is no admission charge.

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PRICES REALIZED

Selected prices realized from eBay:

Circle , Collins & Strait, \$1, B-1c	OB550.00NB
Cordova , Little, 12½¢, B-22a	OB125.00NB
Dalby , Notti, 25¢, B-1a	OB495.00NB
Fairbanks , Horseshoe Cigar Store En. 1¢	38.50
Ft. Yukon , Carney & Irvin, 25¢, B-1a	OB40.00NB
Juneau , Mecca, 6¼¢, B-50b	OB75.00NB
Juneau , Anita Garnick Senate En. 1¢	OB19.99NB
Katalla , Katalla Co. ID tag, B-C6unl	9.99OB
Kodiak , Nelson & Kroth, 12½¢, B-11a	OB125.00NB
Kukak Bay , Pioneer Packing, "4", B-2unl	205.50
Nenana , Smoke House, 25¢, B-7a	OB45.00NB
Nome , Columbia, 1 Drink, B-17a	152.50
Pybus Bay , AK Pacific Fisheries, 25¢, B-1c	2,825.00
Quadra , So. AK Canning, 50¢, B-1b	245.83
Saginaw Bay , AK Con. Canning, \$1, B-1d	1,725.00
Valdez , C. B. Buffet, \$1, B-4cI	RLOB1308.00NB
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Yakutat , Y&S Railway, \$1, B-3d	OB195.00NB
Yes Bay , AK Pacific Fisheries, 50¢, B-2unl	355.00
Whitehorse , TD&P, \$10	OB49.99NB
Whitehorse , TD&P, \$10	OB49.99NB
Whitehorse , TD&P, \$20	RLOB49.99NB
Whitehorse , TD&P, \$20	RLOB49.99NB
A.Y.P.E. Encased Cent, round	41.00
A.Y.P.E. Encased Cent, round	102.50
A.Y.P.E. Encased Cent, potty	107.26
Alaska Gold , One Pinch, 1898, oct.	OB649.00NB
Alaska Gold , One Pinch, 1898, oct. NGC-64	761.55
Alaska Gold , One Pinch, 1898, oct.	599.99
A.Y.P.E. ¼ DWT, jewelry	56.99
A.Y.P.E. ¼ DWT, PCGS-62	OB295.00NB
A.Y.P.E. ¼ DWT	177.50
A.Y.P.E. 1 DWT ANACS MS-63	325.00
A.Y.P.E. , Set of three	809.00
A.Y.P.E. , Set of three	621.00

OB = Opening Bid NB = No Bid RL = relist
 RNM = Reserve Not Met R = Reserve W = withdrawn
 BIN = Buy it now DNS = Did Not Sell

OBITUARY

Our son Kenton was killed in an auto accident in Seattle on April 29. We will fly to Seattle on May 15 and take him to be buried with my dad in Newburyport, Mass. on May 19. No flowers, please. If you feel you must do something, a small donation to the Georgeson Botanical Garden (P.O. Box 757200, Fairbanks, AK 99775) would be appreciated. We will renovate a picnic shelter in his memory.

PRICES REALIZED

From our April 14th auction.

Lot	Price Realized
229 Anchorage tokens	30
230 Bethel tokens	20mb*
231 "C" tokens	60mb*
232 Fairbanks, Chisholm & Hall, B-12a	65
233 Fairbanks tokens	80mb*
234 Goodnews Bay, Rutlader, B-2a	100mb*
235 Haines, Brouillette, B-3a	140mb*
236 Haines, Chisel, B-4a	180mb*
237 Hawk Inlet, Harris, B-1a	230mb*
238 Hoonah, Icy Straits set B-2	65
239 Hyder, Northern Pool Hall, B-4b	55
240 Juneau tokens	28mb*
241 Juneau "Imperial" tokens	45mb*
242 Juneau Billiard Co. B-32b	350mb*
243 Juneau, Mecca, B-50b	135mb*
244 Juneau, Occidental Hotel, B-56	190mb*
245 Juneau, Diamond S, B-64a	180mb*
246 Ketchikan tokens	40
247 "K" tokens	40
248 (3) Alaska Tokens	32mb*
249 Quinhagak, Jean set, B-1	360mb*
250 Selavik, Rotman set, B-1	120mb*
251 Seward, Northern, B-8bI, +	50
252 Seward Bar, B-14a	40
253 Seward, Up & Up, B-18a	85
254 "S" and "T" tokens	25mb*
255 (2) AYPE medals	80mb*
256 Alaska National Bank ingot	40mb*
257 Alaska silver medals	60
258 Trans-AK Pipeline mule medal	24mb
259 (2) Placer Miners medals	38mb
260 1989 State medal set	73mb*
261 (22) 1990 1/4 oz. silver medals	155
262 1990 1/10 oz. gold medal	110
263 1996 AK RR medal	40mb*
264 1997 AK RR medal	40mb*
265 1998 1/10 oz. gold medal	115
266 Anchorage Fur Rondy pins	50
267 Ivory handled carving set	75
268 Copper bud vase	10
282 Lady's gold nugget watch	400

mb = sold to mail bidder. * = reduced bid. There was a total reduction from the mail bidder's high bids of \$1174.

WANTED: ALASKA WOODEN TOKENS. BUY OR TRADE. SEND LIST OR COPIES WITH PRICE. BOB BROWN, BOX 124, HIGHSPIRE, PA 17034.²⁷

"AFTER HOURS JOINT"



Best I can figure is it is possibly from an "After Hours Joint". There were and still are many of these illegal gambling joints in the state. Many years ago (1980's) I frequented a few in anchorage. They usually open after the bars close and offer many forms of gambling, mainly card games. The house takes a rake on each pot but most of them offered free drinks if you play.

At some of them you could come just to drink and paid their usually very low price per drink or beer. At others, you could bring your own bottle of liquor and they would supply you with a container of ice, a bottle of mixer & glasses at a minimal cost. This was called a "Setup". So I assume the person running such a business decided to print up some woods to entice more customers by offering a free beer or a setup and hope that you would bring more people with you.

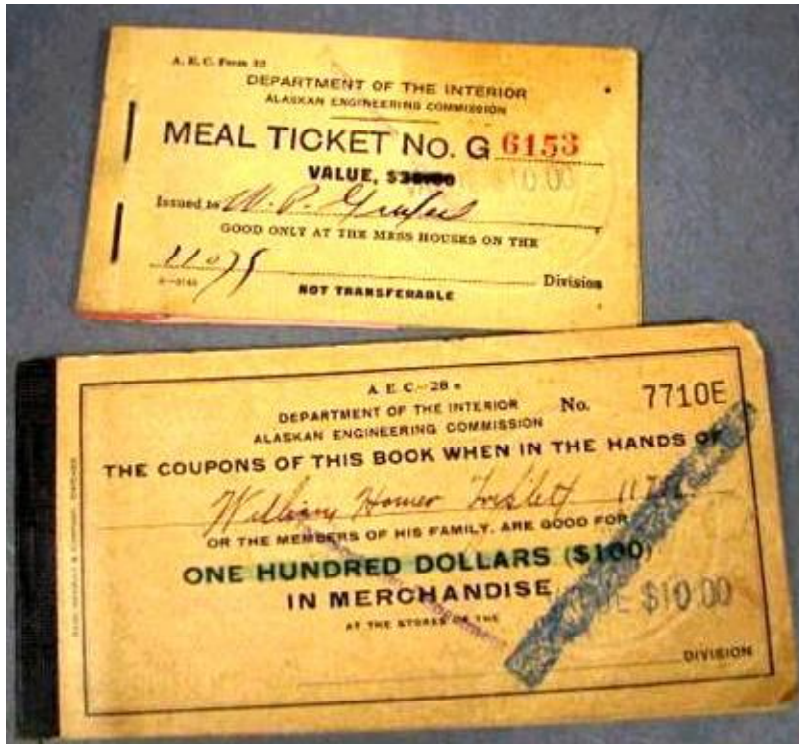
-Ken Rieck, wood supplied by David Philips

FT. KNOX GOLD

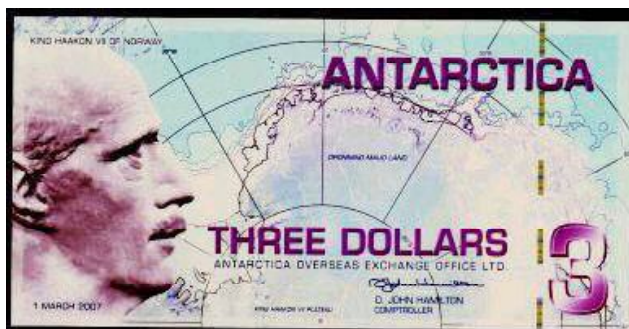
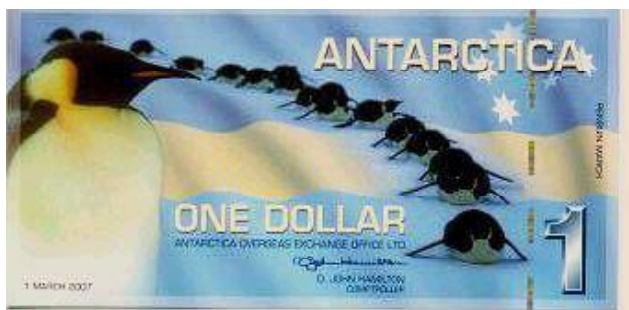


I finally acquired the 1 oz. silver with gold relief medal issued by the Ft. Knox mine to celebrate its three millionth ounce of gold poured. I also was fortunate to get the gold medal. Imagine my surprise, when expecting a 1 oz. gold medal, it turned out to be 1.4oz.!!!

PAPER POTPOURRI



From the description on eBay: You are bidding on booklets of Merchandise Coupons and a Meal Ticket. These were issued by the Department Of The Interior Alaskan Engineering Commission. The back the of the Merchandise Coupon Book is stamped Aug. 1920 and Jun 1923. It contains one 25 cent coupon, thirty 10 cent coupons and thirteen 5 cent coupons. The other booklet contains one Meal Ticket, valued at 33-1/3 cents. Both are in great condition.



ANTARCTICA OVERSEAS EXCHANGE OFFICE: This is the third series of notes issued by the AOEO. They usually issue up to a \$100 denomination. Not legal tender anywhere, they can be redeemed at the AOEO office in Custer, Washington. Any balance left from unredeemed notes supposedly go to Antarctic research. Extremely colorful, our black and white format does not even begin to show the beauty of these notes.

Page numbering error: page numbered 20 should be 29; page numbered 21 should be 30; page numbered 25 should be 32; last page (unnumbered) should be 34. This is corrected for later reprints.

FOR THE RECORD



(ALASKA): Golden Wheel Games, part of Golden Wheel Amusements. This company provides rides and games of skill (?) to fairs around the state of Alaska. Metallic silver on bright pink, 40mm (submitted by Charlie Bond).



(ANCHORAGE): Yukon Fire Protection Services, Inc. 10% discount. Black on wood (submitted by Ken Rieck).



CORDOVA: Iceworm Festival, 1977, 25¢ Redeemable/In Trade at Iceworm headquarters. Red on wood (submitted by Ken Rieck).



DELTA JUNCTION: Art's Trading Center & Evergreen Inn, Gold Nickel. Black on wood (submitted by Ken Rieck - at bottom of left column).



FAIRBANKS: Arctic Bowl, good for one free game, black on wood. Another new type!



JUNEAU: Lost River Trading Company, 1989, 25¢ in trade. Obverse, black on wood. Reverse (wooden nickel side) red on light blue colored wood (submitted by Ken Rieck).



KATALLA: Katalla Co., tool/ID tag, brass, 25mm



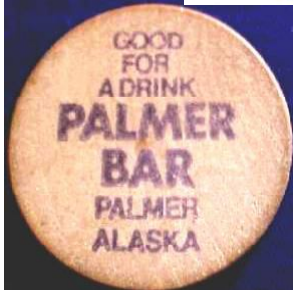
KODIAK: Souvenir of Fort Greely, brass, 31mm, holed at top. All lettering is hand stamped.

KUKAK BAY: Pioneer Packing Co., "4", uniface aluminum, 30mm(?). (at top of next page).

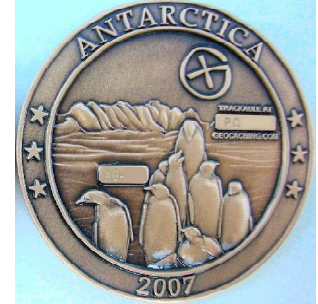
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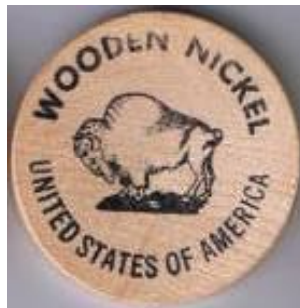
NUNAVUT, CANADA: Geocaching coin marked “Alert”, the northern most settlement in Canada. Appears bronze with black orange, blue and white enamel, 38mm. (at bottom of left column).



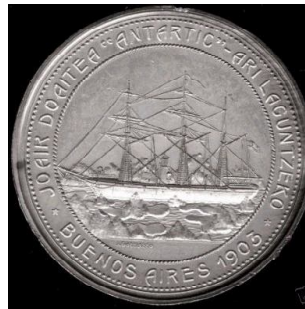
PALMER: Palmer Bar, Good for a drink, “Liquor in the front, poker in the rear.” Appears to be purple on wood, but it may be a faded black.



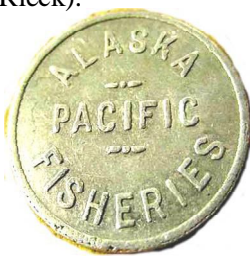
ANTARCTIC: Geocaching coin. Map shows Palmer and McMurdo stations and the South Pole. Reverse shows penguins. Bronze, 50mm (illustration reduced).



SEWARD HIGHWAY: (near Moose Pass), Earnie's Joint, good for one drink, black on wood (submitted by Ken Rieck).



ANTARCTIC/ARGENTINA: “La Uruguay” Antarctic Expedition, 1903. Probably silver plated bronze, about 57mm. Obverse shows the ship “La Uruguay” amid icebergs



(YES BAY): Alaska Pacific Fisheries, 50¢ in trade, aluminum, 32mm.

ONE MORE FOR SALE



FAIRBANKS: Tanana Valley State Fair, token of appreciation, free admission. All with gold printing on 42.5mm plastic with rim: Monday (black), Tuesday (red), Wednesday (white), Thursday (blue), Sunday (orange). One set of 5 available for \$8. Singles, days of my choice \$2 each.



MAY OFFERINGS



CHITINA: Chitina Museum, Centennial 1867-1967, brass, 25mm. We have not seen one of these for 20 years! Probably one of the more obscure items from the Purchase Centennial in 1967. Still in its original, stapled plastic sleeve. One only - \$18.



FAIRBANKS: Horseshoe Cigar Store, horseshoe shaped encased cent (1945). Scarce and hard to find. The encasing still shows luster. One only - \$45.



FAIRBANKS: (Fairbanks Coin Club 1972) Pioneer of Alaska medal, first in the series. Bob Bartlett. Sterling silver and bronze matched numbered set. Fill in your set for \$20.



TOK: Souvenir of Mukluk Land, 1985. Video arcade token. Brass, 25mm. One only - \$3.



MT. MCKINLEY PARK: Souvenir medallion. Obverse shows the old park hotel which burned down. Reverse shows Denali (Mt. McKinley to you outsiders). Sterling silver. With silver around \$14 per ounce (as we type this, and it changes every day) a good buy for only \$20.



ALASKA: This is one of our favorite medals. It commemorates gold mining in Alaska, specifically noting the gold rushes in Yukon 1896, Nome 1899 and Fairbanks 1902. The gold panner actually has raw placer gold in his pan! The reverse has a gold dredge. These are pure silver, and contain 1.1 troy ounces. Only \$25. We also have one example in copper with gold in the pan for \$12.



VALDEZ: Exxon Valdez, the ship from Hell, Alaska's Oil Spill, Black Friday. One ounce silver, not common, \$25.

Postage is \$5 per order. All orders shipped via insured mail. An SASE with 41 cents (new rate acceptable for orders under \$10 at buyer's risk. Orders received after May 14 will be shipped about May 28.